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Title:

LOADING-ASSISTING APPARATUS FOR USE WITH CENTRIFUGE

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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Applicant claims "small entity" status.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.